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## Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal Matt Perez



We are excited here at OSFM and are gearing up for the return of the Illinois State Fair in Springfield and the DuQuoin State Fair. There will be a few changes to our normal routines at the fairs this year, but plans are in the works to continue to provide a great and COVID safe experience for visitors to our fire safety tent and the fire museum. We hope that you will join us this year and we look forward to reaching out to people and helping spread the fire safety and fire prevention message.

The Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Medal of Honor Ceremonies are back again this year as well. The events will take place on September 10<sup>th</sup> with the Fallen Firefighter Memorial starting at 10 AM at the memorial on the state capitol grounds. The Medal of Honor Ceremony will follow at the Bank of Springfield Center. We were disappointed that we were not able to honor our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who went above and beyond the call of duty last year. It has been an extremely difficult past couple of years, and we have lost several of our heroes to COVID-19. We will finally get to honor our two fallen brothers Kody Vanfossan and Jake Ringering from 2019 and Mario Araujo, Edward Singleton, Robert Reisinger, Dylan Cunningham, and Robert Truevillian who we lost in 2020. These men and their families will finally receive the honor they deserve. We hope that you can join us and be a part of a tradition of honor, valor, dedication and loyalty that the fire service represents.

After few months of low COVID case numbers across the state, a new variant is causing an increase in cases again. I ask that you please consider getting vaccinated, if you haven't already. Follow all guidance issued by the CDC and IDPH. The only way we are going to beat this is by working together to protect ourselves and those around us. We have made great strides to get out ahead of this virus, let's not fall behind again.

I close by encouraging smaller departments who have been greatly impacted financially by the COVID pandemic to apply for our Illinois Fire Department COVID Assistance Grant. Applications must be received by August 13<sup>th</sup>. A total amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) will be available to assist approximately 80 impacted fire departments that operate in diverse communities throughout the state. Under this one-time grant opportunity, eligible Illinois fire departments could receive up to \$15,000 in order to make up for lost donation revenues stemming from their inability to host local fundraising events during the periods of quarantines occurring in 2020. These fundraising events include pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, and pay for necessities like fuel for fire trucks, utilities, and insurance.



## Employee Spotlight



# Zaelon Rohwedder Boiler Safety Specialist

**Where are you originally from?** East St. Louis

**Tell us about your family?** Second of five siblings, Married 31 years to my wife Paula, One daughter Emily, Two stepchildren Jason (Deceased) and Darla

**Favorite food(s)?** Fried Shrimp

**Hobbies?** Farming; 12 Dexter Cows, 4 Kune Pigs, 450 egg laying hens, Bale grass and hay for feed.

**When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers?** Country

**What did you want to be when you were a kid?** Union Boilermaker like my Father and Grandfather.

**What's your favorite part of the job?** Inspecting Tractor Engines

**What's something unique about you?** Retired US Navy Reservist 1981-2007, Three years active duty stationed in Gaeta, Italy, Recalled to active duty as a Seabee to Rota, Spain in 2003.

**Where is your favorite place to vacation?** Gatlinburg, Tennessee

**Where is your bucket list destination?** Ibiza, Spain

**Fallen Firefighter Memorial & Medal of Honor Ceremony**

# SAVE the DATE

28th Annual  
Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial  
&  
Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony

## September 10th, 2021

*The 28th Annual Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, September 10th. The Fallen Firefighter Memorial service will be held at the firefighter memorial on the grounds of the Illinois State Capitol beginning at 10 AM. Following the ceremony at the capitol, the Medal of Honor Ceremony will take place at the Bank of Springfield Center. More information about the annual fire truck muster will come at a later date. The OSFM will be following the latest COVID-19 guidance set in the Restore Illinois Plan to help maintain the health and safety of those attending the events.*



## Illinois Fire Department COVID Assistance Grant

**REMINDER: The deadline for applications to be received by the OSFM for the Illinois Fire Department COVID Assistance Grant is August 13<sup>th</sup>.**

A total amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) will be available to assist approximately 80 impacted fire departments that operate in diverse communities throughout the state. Under this one-time grant opportunity, eligible Illinois fire departments could receive up to \$15,000 in order to make up for lost donation revenues stemming from their inability to host local fundraising events during the periods of quarantines occurring in 2020. These fundraising events include pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, and pay for necessities like fuel for fire trucks, utilities, and insurance.

In order to be eligible for the assistance grant the applying fire department must:

- 1) be an Illinois combination or volunteer fire department;
- 2) operate within a jurisdiction with a population at or less than 7,500 people;
- 3) have an approved annual budget at or less than \$150,000;
- 4) have an OSFM Fire Department Identification Number (FDID); and
- 5) be current with their National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) reports at the time of application.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is pleased to collaborate with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) who will empanel a special committee to review the grant applications utilizing a blind review needs-based analysis. The OSFM will facilitate and directly oversee the distribution of the grant awards to the lucky recipients. This grant is financed through the Illinois Fire Prevention Fund, a non-general revenue fund that is supported primarily by a 1% assessment of the gross fire risk premium receipts of all insurance companies operating in the state.

**All grant applications must be received by August 13, 2021.**

**The application review process will begin on August 23, 2021 and end on September 3, 2021.**

**Grant recipients are expected to receive awards by October 2021.**

More information is available by visiting our website [sfm.illinois.gov](http://sfm.illinois.gov) or questions can be sent to [andrea.klees@illinois.gov](mailto:andrea.klees@illinois.gov).





## New Arson Special Agents



The OSFM welcomed two new Arson Special Agents on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Special Agent John McGee and Special Agent Eric Duckworth. OSFM Deputy Director Alix Armstead was on hand to swear in these agents in a ceremony held at the OSFM Springfield Headquarters. SA McGee will be working in the Rockford Area and SA Duckworth will be working in the Peoria area.

*Welcome to the Team!*



Left to Right: Special Agent John McGee and Special Agent Eric Duckworth.



## Youth Firesetter Intervention Bloomington Class



*A Youth Firesetter Intervention Training Class was held in Bloomington on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> with Instructor Mike Flanagan leading the course for 15 students.*

*The Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program is a statewide standardized program to provide prevention education/intervention and referrals, if warranted, for the children and families of Illinois to reduce the frequency and severity of fires set by youths. Partnering with the fire service, this program provides a coordinated referral center for the assessment and treatment of youth fire setters and their families, thereby slowing down the often-devastating results of fire setting. Prevention education can quell the youth fire problem but only when properly targeted, designed, and delivered. The behaviors causing the problem must be considered because what motivates their behavior is the surest clue to solving the youth fire setting problem.*

*Learn more by visiting our website at [sfm.illinois.gov](http://sfm.illinois.gov).*



## Youth Firesetter Intervention Rockford Class

# Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Rockford Fire Department will be hosting a Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Here is the training information:

**Date & Time:** Thursday, September 16, & Friday, September 17, 2021

**Registration is from 8:00 am to 8:30 am on Thursday, September 16**

**Place:** 725 N. Lyford (RMTD Station)  
Rockford, IL 61107

If you would like to register for this training, please click here

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/YFSIPClass-Rockford.aspx>

This class is limited to **30 students** due to the current COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of \$100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date:

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal  
Arson Division – YFSIP  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

For further information, please feel free to call me at (217) 415-7206, or email me [Simony.Weyforth@illinois.gov](mailto:Simony.Weyforth@illinois.gov).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Rockford!

**Simony Weyforth**  
Youth Fire Setter Program Coordinator





## Youth Firesetter Intervention Springfield Class

# Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will be hosting a Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program class in Springfield.

Here is the training information:

**Date & Time:** Monday, November 1, & Tuesday, November 2, 2021

**Monday:** 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Tuesday:** 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Place:** Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1035 Adlai Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

If you would like to register for this training, please click here:

[https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/Youth-Firesetter-Interventionist-Class\\_20211101.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/Youth-Firesetter-Interventionist-Class_20211101.aspx)

This class is limited to **20 students** due to the current COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of \$100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date:

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Springfield!

**Simony Weyforth**  
Youth Fire Setter Program Coordinator



## OSFM DEI Working Group

*OSFM DEI efforts continued throughout the month of July. We celebrated International Non-Binary People's Day on July 14th.*

*Deputy Director Armstead, Chief Fiscal & Administrative Officer Wickenhauser, and Senior Policy Advisor Schneller continued to review revised Illinois Department of Human Rights DEI Train the Trainer course materials. DEI training for agency staff as well as our external fire service partners will be facilitated in-house. We will provide additional information about these plans in the near future.*

*The DEI Working Group met on July 8, 2021. Agenda items included: OSFM DEI Logo wear; a semi-annual recap of the DEI WG activity and accomplishments; and a robust discussion regarding how we can achieve a more diverse workforce within our agency.*

*The OSFM continues to explore innovative ideas to increase diversity within our agency and within the Illinois Fire Service. HR Director Schrage and PIO Fultz are implementing our agency DEI communications plan which includes DEI messaging on our employment opportunity postings, job descriptions, and agency social media platforms /agency website.*

*The next OSFM Employee DEI Working Group meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Any OSFM staff member who desires to serve on the working group (or who would simply like to attend a meeting as a guest) should contact Deputy Director Armstead or HR Director Schrage.*

*Please reach out to us if you are one of our fire service partners and need assistance with starting your own DEI initiative.*

*Diversity = Acceptance of all*

*Equity = Access for all*

*Inclusion = Meaningful participation by all*



## IFSI Minute

### AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

The month of July was another great one for the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Our team took a breath following two large summer special events and enjoyed the opportunity to reset for upcoming fall deliveries. Our Operations Team has been busy with prop maintenance and updates on grounds in Champaign. Despite the few weeks of calm at home, our team remains focused on supporting training deliveries across the state under the direction of our eight Regional Representatives.



Regional Representatives are already planning training programs through the end of the year. These courses are supported through the IFSI Cornerstone Program and available at no cost to Illinois departments or students. Additional course options have recently been added to the IFSI Cornerstone class listing, to include resiliency training. To view the complete listing, visit [fsi.illinois.edu](http://fsi.illinois.edu).



The IFSI Research Team wrapped up a week of data collection for the PPE Interface Study mid-July. The study is in collaboration with ULFSRI and NIOSH. Participants from across the state and country supported this effort on grounds in Champaign. Additional data collections will run this fall.



Our team is excited to announce that Chief Heather Moore is the new Senior Associate Director (Deputy Director) for IFSI. Chief Moore is replacing the previous Deputy, Chief Jim Keiken, who assumed the position of IFSI Director on 1 July.

Chief Moore began her fire service career in 2000 with the Springfield Fire Department, reaching the rank of Deputy Division Chief. She has been a member of the IFSI team since 2006, instructing across many of the training programs and throughout the organization. She has served as Program Manager for the Trench Rescue Program and Director of the Special Operations Training Program. Most recently, Chief Moore has served as an Assistant Director for IFSI.

*Looking forward to a great fall training season. We continue to appreciate your support in the fulfillment of our mission.*



## Illinois State Fair



**OSFM Fire Safety Tent** is located on the corner of Main and Central Avenue featuring games, prizes, popcorn and a variety of exhibits, along with activities and demonstrations for all ages. Fire personnel from different organizations and agencies will be on hand to answer any questions. Keith “Doc” Patterson will be present with a puppet show spreading the fire safety and prevention message. Check in at the tent to find out about show times.

**Friday, August 13th:** Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD)

**Saturday, August 14th:** Illinois Professional Firefighters Association (IPFA)/International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

**Sunday, August 15th:** Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) & Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP)

**Monday, August 16th:** Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)

**Tuesday, August 17th:** Chicago Fire Department

**Wednesday, August 18th:** Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI)

**Thursday, August 19th:** Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) & Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors

**Friday, August 20th:** Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA)

**Saturday, August 21st:** Illinois Firefighters Association (IFA)

**Sunday, August 22nd:** Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) & Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts

**First Responders Day is Friday, August 20th.** All police, firefighters and EMT’s who show their badge will receive free admission to the fair.

*We hope to see everyone at this year’s fair!*

## Illinois State Fair Fire Museum



*Illinois Fire Museum will be open 10 AM to 5 PM daily during the fair. Take a step back in time and explore the history of the fire service. Artifacts housed inside the museum include an antique hand-operated pumper, a hand-pulled hose cart, and a ladder wagon with bronze horses at the ready, along with many other pieces of vintage firefighting equipment. Admission is free and open to fairgoers.*





## DuQuoin State Fair



*The OSFM will once again be a part of the DuQuoin State Fair! We will have a fire safety tent set up to help educate fairgoers about fire safety. The fire safety tent will be open from Noon to 9 PM Monday through Friday and 5 PM to 9 PM on the weekends.*

*Stop in and visit with us and find a few fun items for the kids!*





## Bartlett Touch-A-Truck



*Left to Right: Loren Doherty (Elevator), John Brohan (P&CS), Scott Johnson (P&CS) and Bob Capuani (Elevator)*



*Members from OSFM attended a Touch-A-Truck event in Bartlett on Saturday, July 24th. They spoke to kids about the OSFM and handed out around 400 Jr. Fire Marshal Helmets! The Bartlett Police Department hosts this annual event where organizations can display emergency/specialty vehicles.*



## Boiler Division Training



*The OSFM Boiler and Presser Vessel Division held their annual Safety Conference in Springfield on July 26-28. This conference is for field inspectors to go over safety materials, OSFM protocols and other important information so they can operate safely and effectively.*

*The Division of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety regulates the construction, installation, operation, inspection and repair of boilers and pressure vessels throughout the state of Illinois. Due to the potential risks and hazards involved with the usage of boilers and pressure vessels, the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act was adopted to safeguard the citizens of Illinois.*

*Boilers and pressure vessels are used for various applications in all types of locations: schools, hospitals, churches, factories, day care centers, restaurants, dormitories, libraries, municipal buildings, refineries, chemical plants, prisons and many other facilities. Currently there are over 100,000 boilers and pressure vessels registered and inspected on a routine basis by authorized commissioned inspectors.*

*To learn more about this division visit our website at [sfm.illinois.gov](http://sfm.illinois.gov).*



## Illinois CRR Taskforce

### **What is Community Risk Reduction?**

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is a process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by the integrated and strategic investment of resources (emergency response and prevention) to reduce their occurrence and impact. (Vision 20/20). At its most efficient, the process uses a six-step approach towards development. The six steps, in order, are to: 1) Identify Risks, 2) Prioritize Risks, 3) Develop Strategies and Tactics to Mitigate Risks, 4) Prepare the CRR Plan, 5) Implement the Plan, and 6) Monitor, Evaluate and Modify the Plan. CRR is strategic, focused, and data informed. The use of existing resources, department wide engagement and support from state agencies guarantees measurable impact and outcomes. The process can be as simple or as sophisticated as each department deems necessary. The important thing is that it is feasible and practical for your community.

### **Coming Soon!**

Watch for it! Information about the new Illinois Community Risk Reduction Stakeholder Taskforce will be published in our next issue. The launch of the IL CRR website is scheduled for September 1! We will provide the link for this timely and useful resource as it becomes available.

### **National Resources to assist with CRR in your communities:**

On-line class - Essentials of Community Risk Reduction - (CEUs provided). This introductory class is a good way to include CRR in the training curriculum. Free. <https://strategicfire.org/crr/education#essentials>

- Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction - CRR is not simply another name for fire prevention and public education. When the entire department, from line firefighters through chief officers, support the CRR process, the whole community benefits.

[www.apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10593](http://www.apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10593)

- Community Risk Assessment Guide - Vision 20/20 provides a roadmap to compiling your communities most important data in a useable form for identifying and prioritizing your community risks.

[www.Riskassessment.strategicfire.org](http://www.Riskassessment.strategicfire.org)

- Community Risk Reduction Planning Guide (online and PDF) - The hardest part is often knowing where to begin the CRR process. This guide takes the user through the stages of CRR planning step by step.

[www.riskreduction.strategicfire.org](http://www.riskreduction.strategicfire.org)

- Join this online forum for exchanging ideas, tips, suggestions and for asking questions between those involved in the front-line delivery of CRR. This link takes you directly to the sign-up form.

[www.strategicfire.org/crrnet](http://www.strategicfire.org/crrnet)

- NFPA 1300 - Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development (2020) <https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=1300>





## Illinois CRR Taskforce

*Interested in learning more  
about keeping your community safe?*

**COMING IN  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Illinois  
Community Risk Reduction  
Task Force  
is excited to launch their new website.

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prioritize local risks, followed by the integrated and strategic  
investment of resources (emergency response and  
prevention) to reduce their occurrence and impact.



**COMING  
SOON!**



## Illinois CRR Conference

# SAVE THE DATE!

**OCTOBER 22, 2021**

## STATE OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION CONFERENCE

Hosted by the State of Illinois Community Risk Reduction Committee under the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal

Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez and Chicago FD District Chief Walter Schroeder, in conjunction with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and Illinois Fire Inspectors Association invite you to an **October 22nd CRR Conference** to be held at the **Crown Plaza Hotel** in **Springfield**.

**WATCH FOR DETAILS!**

Office of the  
Illinois State Fire Marshal



Chicago  
Fire Department



<https://illinoisspringfieldcrr.eventbrite.com/>

**IFSA Luncheon Award Nominations****Illinois Fire Safety Alliance**

Dedicated to Fire Safety, Burn Prevention, and Supporting Burn Survivors

*The 80th annual Fire Prevention Week Luncheon, hosted by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance will return to Bobak's in Woodridge. The event will take place on Thursday, October 7th.*

*Each year the IFSA presents awards for Corporate Responsibility, Life Safety, Special Recognition, and the coveted Wayne Luecht Memorial Award, which is granted to an individual who has established a pattern of excellence through a fire safety or burn prevention program that has benefited the public outside of their jurisdiction and who has been judged by their peers to possess the qualities and superior work ethic that others strive to emulate.*

*Nominations for all categories are now being accepted. Nominations must be received no later than August 15th to be considered for this year's event.*

*Visit <https://www.ifsa.org/programs/fpwl/nominate> to nominate someone for an award.*

**Corporate Responsibility Award** – *This award is given to a corporation that has responsibly gone above and beyond the norm by providing fire safety or burn prevention education to the public.*

**Life Safety Award** – *This award is given to an organization, department or individual that has achieved a pattern of excellence in bringing life safety into the lives of others.*

**Special Recognition Award** – *This award is given to an individual who has established a pattern of excellence through a Fire Safety or Burn Prevention Program that they developed and have shared with other Public Educators.*

**Wayne Luecht Memorial Award** - *This award is granted to an individual who has established a pattern of excellence through a Fire Safety or Burn Prevention Program that has benefited the public outside of their jurisdiction. A person has also excelled in his or her duties while leading the Fire Service to recognize Public Education as an important tool. An individual who has been judged by their peers to possess the qualities and superior work ethics that others strive to emulate.*



IFSA Golf Outing

# CAMP "I AM ME" GOLF CLASSIC

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## September 22

Wednesday | 2021

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11:30 AM	REGISTRATION
12:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM	SHOTGUN START
6:30 PM	DINNER & RAFFLES

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REGISTER AT [WWW.IFSA.ORG/GOLFCLASSIC](http://WWW.IFSA.ORG/GOLFCLASSIC)

## Pool Safety

According to the American Red Cross, 69% of young children who are found drowned or submerged in swimming pools were not expected to be in or at the pool. On average, 379 fatal child drownings occurred per year between 2015 and 2017. Children younger than five years old accounted for 75 percent of these drownings, 56 percent of which were attributed to a lapse in adult supervision. Of the reported fatal drowning incidents, 71 percent occurred in residential locations, such as a child's home, a family or friend's house, or a neighbor's residence according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Each day, approximately two children less than 15 years old die from drowning. Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death for children 1–4 years old according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Pool chemicals, like chlorine, are needed to protect swimmers' health. However, mishandling pool chemicals can cause serious injuries. Pool chemical injuries lead to about 4,500 U.S. emergency department visits each year, and over one-third of these preventable injuries are in children or teens.

The USA Swimming Foundation, in collaboration with the CPSC's Pool Safety campaign, between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2019, reported at least 150 children younger than age 15 fatally drowned in swimming pools or spas, which is up by two drownings from 2018.

Here are some simple steps to keep children safer in and around the water:

- Install a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate around all pools and spas. Always check to make sure the gate is locked or closed when leaving the pool or spa!
- Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you leave the pool.
- Always ensure kids swim with a buddy.
- Designate an adult Water Watcher to supervise children at all times around the water. Stay off your phone, put your book down, and pay attention to whoever is in or around the water!
- Never leave a child unattended in or near water.
- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults.
- Teach children to stay away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Ensure any pool or spa has drain covers that comply with federal safety standards. If you do not know, ask your pool service provider about safer drain covers.
- Empty or flip over inflatable pools when you are finished using them for the day.

Take the Pool Safety Pledge by visiting: [www.poolsafety.gov/pledge](http://www.poolsafety.gov/pledge).



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## Pool Safety



### Safety Tips for Portable Pools

Here are some general tips for children's safety around portable pools:

- Empty and put away smaller portable pools after every use.
- Once the pool is set up, ensure high levels of supervision.
- Fence portable pools and encourage your neighbors to do the same.
- Cover larger portable pools and put access ladders away when adults are not present.
- Install alarms on doors leading from the house to the pool area that will alert you when someone enters the pool area.
- Teach children to swim, float and other basic life-saving skills; do not consider young children "drown-proof" because they have had swimming lessons.
- Make sure your neighbors, babysitters and visitors know about the pool's presence in your yard.
- Learn and practice CPR so you can help in an emergency.



### Remember to Pool Safely!

Meet Pool Safety characters Splish and Splash and watch them learn about safety at pools and spas. See: [www.poolsafely.gov/Kids' Corner](http://www.poolsafely.gov/Kids%20Corner)



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### Portable Pools

Fence Them! Cover Them! Put Them Away!



**Pool Safely: Simple Steps Save Lives** provides simple safety tips for keeping children and families safe around all pools and spas. Practicing these tips can help reduce the number of drownings and near-drownings among young children.

Portable pools vary in size and height, from tiny blow-up pools to larger designs that hold thousands of gallons of water. They are easy to use, affordable and fun for the family. But portable pools can be deadly and present a real danger to young children.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that from 2011 to 2013, submersion fatalities associated with portable pools averaged 19 deaths each year for children 4 and under.

For more tips on how to stay safer around the water, visit [poolsafely.gov](http://poolsafely.gov).



Follow the campaign on Twitter: @poolsafely, and visit our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/poolsafely](http://www.youtube.com/poolsafely).



### Safely Handle Pool Chemicals at Home

- Read and follow directions on product labels
- Keep chemicals secured and away from children
- Wear safety equipment, such as masks, gloves, and goggles



[www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming)



## Grilling Safety

*July is the peak month for grill fires followed by June, May and August.*

*The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reports around 64% of U.S. households own at least one outdoor BBQ, grill or smoker. Gas grills contribute to a higher number of fires than charcoal grills. The NFPA reports 61% of households own a gas grill. On average, 10,200 home fires are started by a grill each year. Annually, 19,700 patients visit the emergency room with injuries caused from grilling. Thermal burns are the most common injury with over 9,500 reported.*

*The Office of the State Fire Marshal advises everyone to take these steps to help ensure a safe summer filled with everyone's favorite grilled foods:*

- *Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors*
- *The grill should be placed away from the home or deck railings, and out from under eaves of your home and overhanging tree branches*
- *Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area*
- *Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill*
- *Never leave your grill unattended*
- *Always make sure gas grill lid is open before lighting it*
- *Check the gas tank on your propane grills and hoses for leaks each time before using*
- *If you smell gas while grilling, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department*
- *Make sure charcoal grill coals are cool before disposing of them in a metal container*

*Bonfires, pit fires and campfires can also create fire safety dangers during the summer months. Campfires need to be built at least 25 feet way from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn. Make sure fires are allowed in the area that you are camping. Use of chimineas, outdoor fireplaces and fire pits need to be at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.*

*For more information about grilling please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Grilling>.*

### Grilling Safety Fast Fact

July is the peak month for grill fires, followed by May, June and August.



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### Grilling Fire Safety Tip

To prevent a fire, place grill well away from the home, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhanging branches.



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### Grilling Safety Fast Fact

In roughly 1 of every 5 grill fires, grills have not been cleaned.

To prevent fires, keep grills clean.

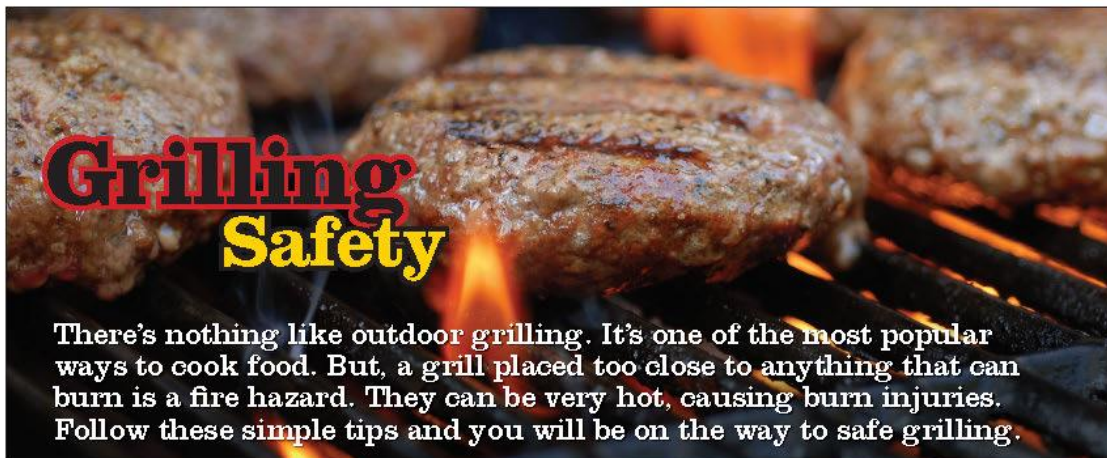


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## Grilling Safety



### SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

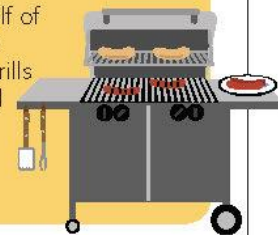
### PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

### FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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## Shout Outs/Kudos



*The OSFM's Fire Prevention Division Manager Larry Eaton presented retiring Paris Fire Chief Brian Gates with this plaque for his 28 years of service. Chief Gates' last day is this Friday, July 30th. Congratulations Chief, and thanks for your dedication to the Illinois Fire Service and the members of the Paris community.*



*OSFM Curry Intern Michael Mayerhofer was on site of a UST tank install in Springfield. Michael has been actively learning about all aspect of the OSFM this summer.*



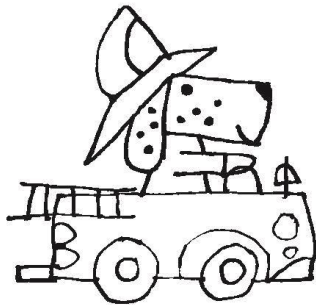
## Shout Outs/Kudos



*Members from the Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division were in Springfield on Wednesday, July 28th to have organizational boxes installed in their trucks. Thanks to Inspector John Brohan for building the boxes, with the help and suggestions from other inspectors. Multiple tools are needed to complete their daily tasks, and these utility boxes will help keep the tools organized and more easily accessible when they arrive at an inspection site. Thanks, John, for taking the time to put these together!*



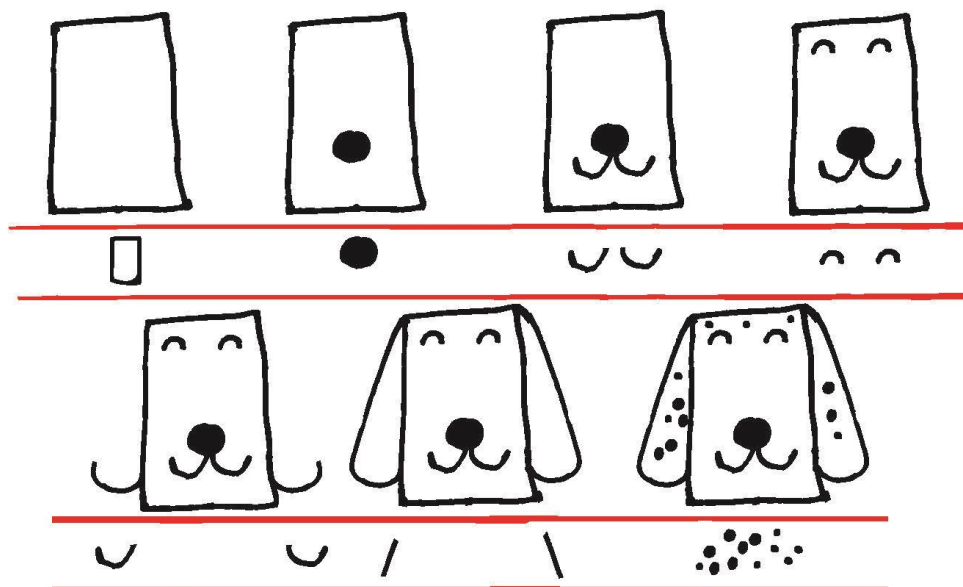
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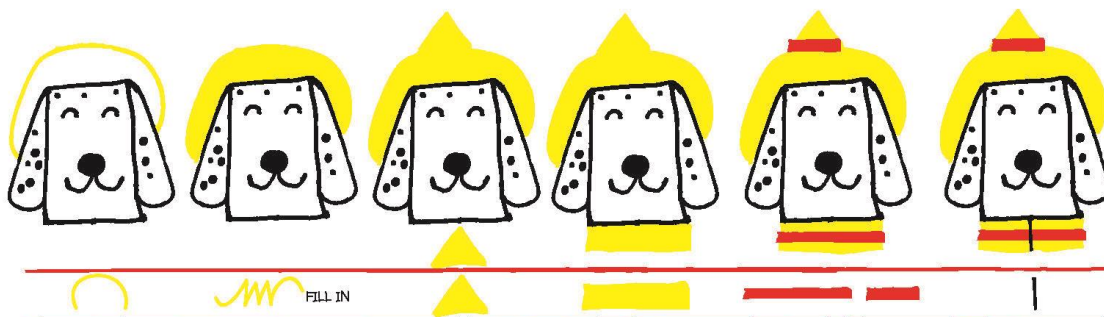
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